

**Remarks/Arguments**

Applicants have filed simultaneously herewith a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action of April 21, 2008 (the "Office Action"), up to and including September 22, 2008.

Claims 1-20, 22-65, 67, 71 and 73 remain pending. Claims 21, 65-66, 68-70, 72 and 74 have been canceled without prejudice and claims 20, 23, 25, 65, 67 and 73 have been amended.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner on Pages 12-13 of the Office Action of the allowability of claims 1-19 and 38-64 and of the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 21, 23, 25-27, 30-36, and 69-70 (the limitations of which have been added to claim 67 by amendment).

The limitations of dependent claim 21 (which the Examiner indicated as allowable if re-written, now canceled) have been added to independent claim 20. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 20 and 22-37 are allowable for the same reasons cited by the Examiner as set forth on Pages 12-13 of the Office Action with respect to allowed claims 1-19.

The limitations of dependent claims 69 and 70 (which the Examiner indicated as allowable if re-written, now canceled) have been added to independent claim 67. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 67, 71 and 73 are allowable for the same reasons that the Examiner found claims 69 and 70 to be allowable.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the instant application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early favorable Office Action allowing claims 1-20, 22-65, 67, 71 and 73 is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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